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Between 2002 and 2020, out of 139 slender loris rescues reported from Bengaluru, 116 involved black magic

SILENCE OF THE LORISES

'Number representing just 5% of lorises caught'

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According to a team of wildlife researchers, Bengaluru is fast turning into the black magic capital of Karnataka. Researchers conducting a study on slender lorises discovered that between 2002 and 2020, while 179 cases of rescue were reported across the state, 139 were from Bengaluru.

When they further analysed the 139 cases, they discovered that 116 of these slender lorises had been involved in black magic rituals, including piercing or burning the body and the eyes.

"We recorded 139 cases related to slender lorises in Bengaluru. An analysis of the injuries found on their bodies indicated that 58 of these cases were related to black magic; 58 were classified as trafficking that was most likely connected to black magic. And there were 21 cases of displaced lorises," said Smitha D Gnanaolivu, wildlife researcher and co-author of the study.

According to the research team, consisting of researchers from the

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"Rituals often use female slender lorises, and during new moon... Their eyes, limbs, kidneys, heart, anus, and heads are pierced; to bring danger to targeted person..." —Research

Not-so-proud Bengaluru

Many said they have been advised to visit doctors; it is just a passing phase, some told

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Even though there have been efforts to address the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community, some said they still face a lot of social backlash. This is affecting their mental health.

"It took me a lot of courage to come out to my family and my friends. I thought they would accept me for who I am, however, things didn't turn out that way. My family still doesn't talk to me properly. My friends, in front of me, try to be sweet but it's the opposite when I am not around. This has affected my mental health so much," Hrishita Khawas told BM.

Many said they have been advised to visit doctors so that they can be treated. Some of them have even been told that it is just a phase that they are going through.

"When I first opened up to my parents, they refused to acknowledge that such a thing even existed. They said I was influenced by the movies I watched and told me not to watch such movies. My grandmother told me that if I do meditation regularly, it

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2 THINGS TO DO

01 A Judgement Error

Ventures Theatre is coming back with its popular play 'A Judgement Error??' this Sunday. An English translation of a Bengali script written by Nirup Mitra, this play is set in the context of a nursing home and builds on a surgery which is debated on its merit and judgment, opening up the medical profession for deep introspection. It has a beautiful storyline centred around a young girl whose life changes based on certain decisions taken by an experienced surgeon.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: June 19, 3 pm and 6:30 pm
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Drones in the sky

IKEA is inviting Bengalureans to come and witness a unique welcome to their store launch in Nagasandra. The brand is hosting a drone show at The Orion Mall on Sunday. Over 500 drones will be deployed to showcase IKEA's love for Karnataka in the sky. **Where: Orion Mall, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru; When: June 19, 7:30 – 8:30 PM**
Contact: 1800 419 4532

THE SCREEN JUNKIES

Kids as young as two are grappling with effects of excessive screen time such as neurological defects, increased eye power, difficulty to adjust to a real world

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Constant exposure to screen's blue light harms sleep cycles of kids, say experts; less exposure to sunlight making it worse

In 2020, when the city was trying to make sense of a strange new virus, and the lockdown that was imposed subsequently, Manjumathi, mother to a seven-year-old boy, was juggling with virtual work meets, household chores, and keeping her son occupied. Like many other harried parents, she resorted to one solution to keep her son busy: smartphones. Cut to two years later, and now, she is struggling to get her son to overcome his screen addiction.

"We know that excessive screen time is not good for children but in the past two years, it has become impossible to avoid it. During the lockdown, the kids were at home all the time. He couldn't go out to play with other kids, there was no school, public parks were closed, we couldn't even take him out for dinner like we did earlier. So, we let him use gadgets though we did not like it," said Manjumathi, who works as a recruitment manager.

Manjumathi's is not the only case and psychiatrists and neurologists report a surge in cases of children suffering neurological effects of too much screen time. Dr Rashmi Adiga (Consultant Paediatric Neurologist, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Bannerghatta Road) said, "I have seen so many children with speech and language deficiencies; deficiencies in social skills and cognitive skills. Children, especially those less than two years of age, need to be able to interact with adults; they need to see facial expressions of their parents/elders and this helps with their brain development. There is a recent study from Japan which concluded that among boys, longer screen time at one year of age was significantly associated with autism spectrum disorder at three years of age."

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The addiction is real, and kids are increasingly grappling to cope with the real world. "Now he has become so addicted to his tablet that he has almost lost touch with the outside world," Manjumathi said, as her son was busy playing a videogame in the next room. Watching television, too, which used to be a forbidden activity during meals for children until a few years back, is now being used by parents to help the children get over their smartphone addiction. This does not, however, solve the problem.

Dr Jyoti Shetty (Consultant – Ophthalmology, Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road) said, "Exposure to sunlight has dropped to a minimum which is very important to arrest the minus power in eyes. Effects of too much screen time is manifesting in different ways like watering, tearing, and disturbance in sleep cycles because of the blue light emission from the screen. Kids refuse to go out to play and parents allow it."

In 2021, the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) released its parental guidelines for screen time which mentioned that children below two years age should not be exposed to any type of screen. Children between the age of 2 to 5 should be allowed a maximum of one hour of screen time per day and should not be exposed to screens during meals.

The guidelines also advised three hours of physical activities and 10–14 hours of good quality sleep daily for kids till five years of age. For older children, the guidelines suggested parental supervision while screen usage and advised avoiding violent or undesirable content. Psychologists also advise limited screen time for better cognitive development in children. Dr Mahesh Gowda, consulting psychiatrist at Spandana Nursing Home, Bengaluru, explained, "When you look at age 5 to 6, most of the learning happens during this age.

But working parents usually expose their kids to screens much earlier. Many children younger than two do not eat anything without watching something. They start lacking emotional development, sensitivity of communication, importance of language and reciprocation."

Loris abuse continues in Bengaluru

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University of Mysore, Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Bengaluru, and their colleagues from Oxford, Indonesia and Coimbatore, the number of cases related to black magic and classified as trafficking of slow lorises within Bengaluru increased steadily between 2002 and 2020.

Black magic rituals done to this primate are hair raising. Their eyes, limbs, kidneys, heart, anus, and heads are pierced; to bring about danger to the targeted person. Their elbow or knee joints are broken; to heal the targeted person. Thin copper wires are used to tie the hind limbs; to obstruct the flow of blood in the targeted person. Lorises are killed by hitting their heads on rocks; to kill the targeted person. They are buried alive and dug out after a few days to make magical potions of the rotting flesh, for beliefs unknown. The researchers interviewed 293 informants in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu to understand people's beliefs regarding the use of slender lorises in traditional medicine, black magic rituals and other cultural practices.

"More often, female slender lorises were subjected to rituals and during the new moon. The informants revealed that while astrologers regularly used live lorises for fortune-telling or for warding off evil, body parts of the animal are used to make traditional folk medicine, develop 'black magic potions that bring people harm', and hypnotise people or thwart evil," Gnanaolivu told BM.

Habitat loss and anthropogenic pressures, coupled with the existing slender loris trade for superstitious ritualistic practices, are some of the reasons behind the high number of poaching cases. As per wildlife researchers, lorises are solitary and territorial animals. While in an ideal scenario, one can find only one slender loris within a 100 sq m area, it is not the case in Bengaluru. "If you spot a slender loris in Bengaluru today, chances are you will find more in the same vicinity.

Although they are territorial and solitary in nature, their territories overlap because of the fragmentation and loss of habitat. When habitat loss increases, it pushes them closer to each other, leading to higher visibility and thus more poaching," explained Gnanaolivu.

The study also detected a monthly variation in the new cases of black magic, with peaks in May, June and September. Experts said this can potentially be linked to certain lunar festivals that could lead to the use of lorises as effigies. These findings were contrary to online trade where sales of slender lorises increased significantly in the last four months of the year.

"Black magic rituals increase during May, June and September. This information warrants a further deep dive into the rituals and witchcraft literature. It can be because these are vacation months and people can spot the lorises and rescue them. During the winter months, people reduce their activities during early morning hours. These are all early morning rescues," added Gnanaolivu.

Tip of iceberg?

According to the researchers, the actual number of slender lorises in trade could be much higher.

"Lorises are tiny animals and even small injuries inflicted can kill them. Dead lorises do not make it to the rescue centres' logbook. The research is based on cases that could reach the centres as the animals were still alive. The majority of the lorises that are poached for such activities are burnt or buried alive and die after the ritual. This number is just representing around 5% of the total number of lorises that are being caught and used," said Gnanaolivu.

While the elusive nocturnal animal has somehow survived in parks and green patches of Bengaluru, their numbers are fast declining. Keeping green patches intact and higher vigil can save these animals.

"While the increase in the number of cases can be attributed to many more organisations working in this field now leading to more rescues and detection, the numbers have to be brought down. It is high time awareness is spread regarding myths.

The onus should not be just on the forest department. Agencies such as Wildlife Crime Control Bureau and police should pitch in. Slender loris is a Schedule I animal and it should be dealt with as per the law," said Sharath babu, wildlife activist and study's co-author.

Police lands at golf association premises

FIR against KGA president after member files plaint about being insulted over his caste

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It is quite unsettling to see the Karnataka Golf Association (KGA) frequently hitting headlines for all the wrong reasons. The KGA was in the limelight earlier for hiking its membership fee, for throwing its door open for senior citizens during the covid pandemic, and its president violating covid norms. Now, police from Jeevan Bima Nagar entered the KGA premises to conduct a police mahazar. The police mahazar is a description of facts and state of things which an investigating officer observes at the scene of a crime.

The reason for the police mahazar is a first information report (FIR) registered at Jeevan Bima Nagar Police Station on June 15 against KGA president MG Bhat, secretary Suresh Jois Chandrasekhar, and four others under the Sections of of the SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and under the Sections of the Indian Penal Code for insulting and intimidating AM Suresh Raj by using his caste name.

It is alleged that Bhat left the KGA premises in a hurry after noticing police entering the KGA premises at 3.30 pm on Thursday. According to the FIR, Suresh Raj was a short-term member of KGA since 2014 and became a temporary associate member in 2016. His temporary membership was suspended from March 14, 2019 to September 13, 2019. His problems began after he revealed his caste to the KGA governing body members. "When KGA governing body members asked me about my caste, I told them that I belong to Adi Karnataka (Scheduled Caste). Later, they began treating me differently and tried to avoid me. Mine is the only application to get rejected among 33 applications seeking KGA membership," said Raj.

Jeevan Bima Nagar police conduct mahazar at KGA

He later approached City Civil Court and Registrar of Bengaluru District Cooperative Societies seeking justice. The Deputy Director of Bengaluru District Cooperative Societies directed the KGA to convene a meeting consisting with Government nominees to consider Suresh Raj's application for permanent membership. "After receiving notices from the court and Department of Cooperative Societies, the KGA governing body informed me through a KGA member to appear before it and resolve the issue. I visited the KGA but in vain. Later, I approached the Registrar, Zone II of District Cooperative Societies seeking justice. The Registrar issued an order to the KGA suggesting that it consider my application for membership as per the norms but the KGA did not obey the order," he said.

Later, he approached Karnataka High Court seeking justice.

On January 31, 2022, the High Court directed the Registrar of Cooperative Societies to resolve the issue within six weeks. The Deputy Director of Bengaluru District Cooperative Societies on May 19, 2022 directed the KGA to give permanent membership to Suresh Raj after collecting the specified fees from him.

"I, along with my son, approached the KGA on June 14, 2022 to enquire about my membership but they intimidated and insulted me by using my caste name," he said.

KGA president Bhat was not available for comment. He sent an SMS to this reporter stating that he would get back but did not revert despite repeated reminders.

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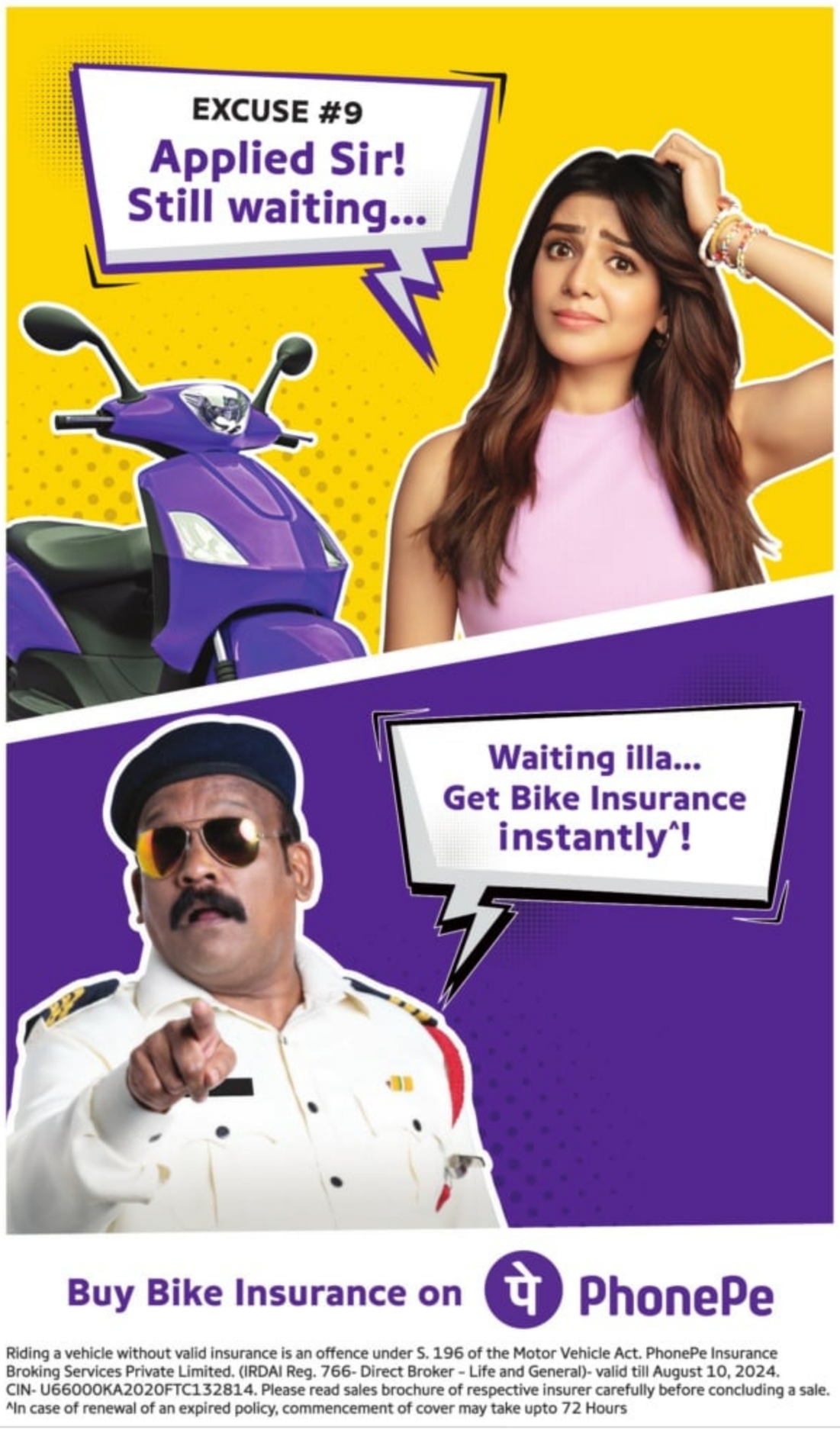
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Vendors' earnings washed away in rain

Heavy rain caused huge losses to those running stalls by the road in KR Market

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Many vendors who have only tarpaulin to shield them are at the mercy of rain gods at KR Market

As heavy rains lashed the city, vendors of KR Market saw a steep decline in their business. Goods being sold by them also incurred damage. Raju Krishnan, a shopkeeper selling clothes in a makeshift shop on the footpaths of KR Market, spoke of the plight the winds and rain brought upon his job.

"When it started raining lightly, I still kept the shop open hoping that the rain would stop, but then it got heavier and windy. Half the things in my shop flew off. The clothes I was selling got damaged," he said.

Krishnan said he makes around Rs 2,000-3,000 a day, but because of the downpour he could barely make Rs 1,000. The problems of shopkeepers in the market did not end with the rain, as the remnant water and mud still had a role to play.

"We gave the fruits at minimal prices to people just so we could earn something at least. We were running in complete loss yesterday

–A fruit seller who sets up her stall on the side of the road

Chinnu, a flower seller, said that all her flowers were destroyed because of the water.

She said, "Ever since covid, we are not getting proper business. On top of that, these rains are damaging all my flowers. Because of the rain all my flowers got damaged, and I had to throw them away. I could not have good business yesterday at all. Instead, I had more losses."

Among the fruit sellers who usually set up their stall by the road, one said, "The fruits were damaged and some of them even fell in the muddy water and got crushed by the people who were hurrying to get under some kind of shelter. We gave the fruits at minimal prices to people just so we could earn something at least. We were running in complete loss yesterday. My child also got drenched."

The people who were in KR Market said they could not do any shopping because of the weather.

Nimisha Gowda, a shopper, said, "I had gone to buy a few things, but it started raining so much that I could not buy even a single thing. I got stuck there for a while. After that, I came back empty handed."

BBMP officials said that they would make arrangements to prevent the area from getting flooded every time it rains.

Praying for a miracle at Varthur's eroded road

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Residents of Varthur's Idgah Road have been suffering a lot due to the apathy of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities for more than six months. They said Idgah Road and other cross roads were dug up for laying down underground drainage and water pipes, but the authorities concerned did not restore the areas after work was completed.

The residents reported that they have been complaining to the authorities and elected representatives about the poor condition of the road, but in vain.

"It has become a habit for contractors and BBMP engineers to dig up roads in Varthur and forget about those roads. For example, Idgah Road was dug up six months ago for laying underground drainage pipes and water pipes. They do not take residents into confidence while taking up developmental works," said a resident.

A gaping hole has appeared on the Idgah Road in Varthur

They said moderate rainfall is all it takes to convert the road into a slushy zone, making it tough for pedestrians as well as motorists to traverse.

"We have to pray to god before going to bed daily to keep the road usable the next morning. We are not sure if we will reach offices or workplaces on time due to the slush

–Resident of the area

"We have to pray to god before going to bed daily to keep the road usable the next morning. We are not sure whether we will reach offices or workplaces on time due to the slush," said another resident.

Vasudev P, a resident, said that BBMP has completed asphalting 60 per cent of roads but has failed to asphalt the remaining 40 per cent in and around Varthur.

"A portion of Kote Beedi, especially in front of a retired postmaster's house, has become slushy. Residents are struggling to go to nearby shops to buy groceries and vegetables. I demand the BBMP authorities to complete asphalting of the remaining roads for the benefit of residents," he said.

Coming down heavily on the BBMP authorities for neglecting the road infrastructure in and around Varthur, Jagadeesh Reddy of Varthur Rising has blamed the ruling party leaders for threatening their own supporters and citizens if such issues are posted on social media.

"This is how we are living in the cyber capital of India's Mahadevapura. I appeal to the Prime Minister and Mahadevapura MLA Arvind Limbavali to help us," said Reddy.

Meanwhile, BBMP executive engineer Muni Reddy has said that he has taken measures to commence asphalting of Idgah and other roads within one or two days.

"I am confident of fixing this problem within a few days. Asphalting of Idgah and other roads will begin tomorrow," he assured.

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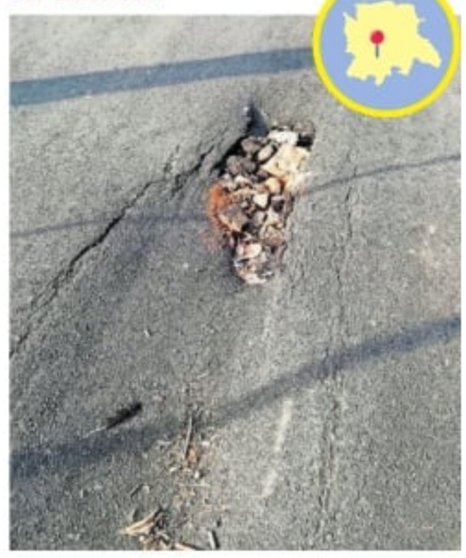

Sinkholes in the newly laid road at Kempegowda Layout, Kothanur need attention.

Ghost car

Basaweshwaranagar

Car abandoned for months is causing inconvenience for the general public on 8th Main Road, Basaweshwaranagar.

The light's back!

Sadashivanagar

Thanks to Bangalore Mirror, the BBMP has fixed the high mast light at Sadashivanagar. We had earlier posted about it in this column.

What's weighing down our pets?

Pet dogs hit by obesity related health issues

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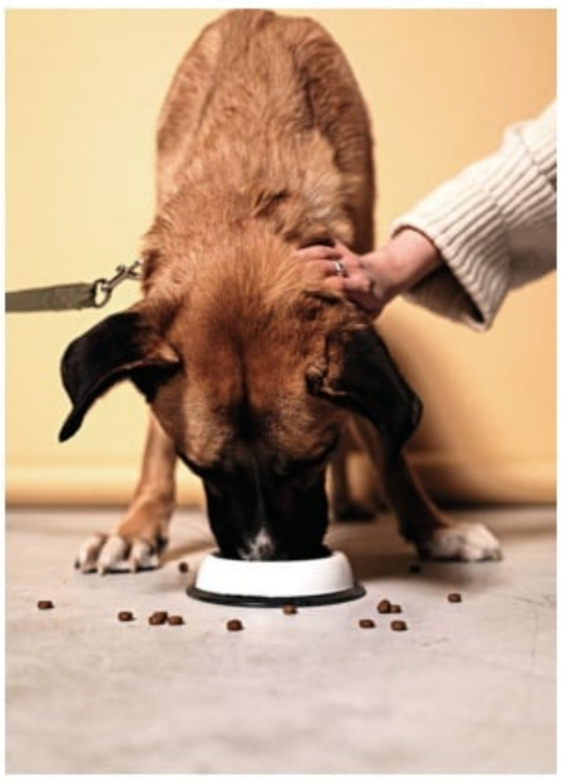
Sedentary lifestyle is not just affecting humans but their loyal and furry friend dogs as well. Since the pandemic, several dog parents are complaining about their dogs becoming obese.

Nitika Sharma, a resident of JP Nagar and a dog parent, said, "I've had a Labrador for two years now. Initially we used to feed him dog food that was prescribed by the vet. However, after six months, Scooby, my dog, stopped eating this food. I had no option but to feed him boiled rice and pulses. Since the last few months, he has been gaining weight continuously. Because of that his heart rate was increasing and we had to take him to the hospital so many times."

Some of the pet owners say that because of the pandemic, they could not get a lot of the treats that were made for their pets, hence they had to substitute that with homemade food.



Many pet owners observed that after they stop pet food, the dogs put on weight and have health issues

> **"Obesity cases in dogs have increased significantly compared to previous years. It maybe because during the pandemic many owners switched to homemade food**
>
> –Dr Nawaz Sharif, PfA

Rajeev Nishant, a pet owner, residing in Vijaynagar, said, "I was not getting the treats online that I usually feed my dog, so I asked my mother to prepare something at home which could replace that, however, my dog started gaining weight after that, as soon as online deliveries started, I started giving him his usual treats, but the weight was not decreasing."

Some dogs lost their lives due to obesity. Nishad Khurana, a pet owner residing in Dasarahalli,. He said, "Bella, my pet dog, started gaining weight after her pregnancy in 2020. After a few months of her pregnancy, I got her checked and she was diagnosed with obesity. Later, during the pandemic, we could not control her obesity and she died in 2021."

Some of the pet owners informed that during the pandemic, they were not able to take their dog out and there was a lack of physical activities. After the pandemic, when the restrictions were lifted, they had to go back to their work life because of which they ran out of time to take their dogs out for walking.

Dr Nawaz Sharif, a vet in People for Animals, an animal welfare organisation in Bangalore, said, "Obesity cases in dogs have increased significantly compared to previous years. It might be because during the pandemic a lack of pet food in the market caused many owners to switch to homemade food. However, to prevent obesity in their dogs, dog owners should follow the perfect lifestyle pattern for their pets."

He added that obesity is also caused due to eating patterns. However, there are also cases where obesity cannot be treated with exercises, especially cases like morbid obesity.

Rajesh Jamwal, who works at Fetch, a canine training centre, said, "Training is required to teach a dog how to eat a healthy diet. Most dogs have no idea when or how much to eat, through training the dog will learn to manage his appetite and eat at regular intervals which will prevent obesity."

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Strangest of things

The bulldozer is an anomaly. A glitch in the matrix so to speak or a wasted stream of human ingenuity, an ill-conceived abomination of sorts, a Frankenstein amongst machines, ploughing through the veins of terra firma, bleeding it, wreaking havoc and leaving a trail of the earth's exposed innards wherever it goes.

Man sits proud in a glass cubicle at the centre of this juggernaut violation, eager to displace and dismantle life. Now, while seeking more livelihoods to pillage, the apex court told the Uttar Pradesh government to rein in the barbarity.

A 'civilised' version of the tank, the earthmover has been a fixture in the urban and rural setting in the recent past thanks to haphazard infrastructure development in every square inch the realtor sets eyes on.

Somehow these contraptions do not align well with the zeitgeist as mankind stands clueless on the precipice of imminent climatic breakdown, throwing everything off desired trajectories. How does this bizarre looking oft-yellowish piece of technology help? Fact is, it does not; it plunders the status quo furthermore, as it is designed for demolition.

Now that there exists a selection of such machine tools on wheels at the ready for anyone interested in demolition, like guns for sale in the United States, the aftermath is inevitable. The brute idea behind this monstrosity goes unnoticed and further justified by the notion that one needs to demolish to rebuild. Only when it is directed at the pitiable human condition in a poor state like Uttar Pradesh, the gravity, scale and true intent of the bulldozer madness are exposed in public view.

Curious that it has not crossed the mind of its creator that it is an invention to destroy everything on its path, which makes it more of a weapon at the hands of the tyrant, provided these machines are not often used by the law enforcement or military.

Oftentimes western toys such as the bulldozer, chainsaws and such, with the exception of Japan and China, have curtailed us here from exploring technology and have a go at indigenous mechanical engineering -- the image that comes to mind is of UK premier Boris Johnson seated in an earthmover on his recent visit to India.

The east has always borrowed mechanical tools or technology from the west as it is heavily borrowing digital tech now (read Pegasus), in exchange of exotic spices or produce in the time of emperors and kings and now at the cost of taxes remitted by rightful citizens. Today as trigger-happy politicians use these massive borrowed tools of destruction and doom against their own countrymen, the defenceless and disenfranchised cry for help.

The man at the machine seems unmoved at the plights of his own, keeps shifting the gears and directing the machine towards years of sweat and blood of the poor who get crushed under as those who enjoy the spectacle look on in schadenfreude.

I am reminded of a scene from Steven Spielberg's epic drama Schindler's List where Amon Göth, a Nazi war criminal is shooting Jews for sport from his balcony while other military men breakfast engaged in casual conversation. Club the so-called sentient AI, Pegasus software, which we are told a US defence firm is in talks with the Israeli parent company NSO to acquire, and the bulldozer. What you shall end up with is anybody's guess.

I have always feared the bulldozer: cannot imagine a tech enabled one. If anybody told you otherwise, no, they just love these mean machines, be wary. Kafkaesque is as close as you can describe one of these things approaching — even more terrifying now, having morphed into the foraging limbs of the state in search of persons that refuse to toe the line.

The very idea of the bulldozer is rooted in the destruction of things, ideas, identities, livelihoods, landscapes, birds, beasts, bees and trees, and now it is coming for you. It is seeking to destroy individuals. How has this come to pass — a retired Supreme Court Judge wondered in a recent TV newscast.

To digress and contextualise the situation in India and elsewhere, here is an excerpt from Mhairi Black's recent speech in the UK's parliament: "The Government literally wants to get rid of the Human Rights Act... Do they know how scary it is to sit at home and wonder if it is you — is it your rights that are up for grabs?"

"I fear we have been sleepwalking closer and closer to the F word... When I say the F word, I am talking about fascism... It happens when we see governments making decisions based on self-preservation, cronyism, based on anything that will keep them in power...," the youngest MP in the UK said.

The broader point here is the elected representative is not empowered to punish citizens overriding jurisprudence.

Schools hurry to get all on campus vaxxed

Some are requesting BBMP to conduct on-campus vaccination drives ASAP

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As the number of covid cases goes up, schools are scrambling to get the unvaccinated population on their campuses jabbed. They are reaching out to BBMP and requesting an on-campus drive as soon as possible. Some are also going for rapid antigen tests done on the students in their bid to arrest the spread of the virus early.

"We are conducting the drive today. We expedited the process as the number of COVID cases is on the rise. While around 90% of our students eligible for the vaccine were already jabbed, we have conducted the drive for the rest 10% of them. With this drive, we now have all the children above 12 years on our campus vaccinated," said MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

With many campuses reporting children with mild fever and other flu-like symptoms, there is a demand for rapid antigen tests too.

"We are getting around three to four students every day that are being diagnosed with a slight temperature, cough and cold. While they are being isolated and sent back home, we do not want to take any chances. Although this can be due to the monsoon season, we would like to rule out covid and thus have requested BBMP to conduct the rapid antigen test too," said the principal of a city-based school.

The school management says that the test was done during the third wave as well and it helped arrest the spread of the virus then.

Kids aged 12 to 14 years were getting Corbevax vaccine dose

"We got it done during the third wave as well and had identified four students. Required measures were taken immediately and the spread was arrested in time. We do not want to take any chances this time around as well," said the principal.

Schools are also collecting data on parents' vaccination and calling those not vaccinated yet to motivate them to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

"We are trying to expedite the on-campus drive with the help of BBMP. The surge in the number of covid cases has coincided with the onset of monsoon. Thus, while there are many children with flu-like symptoms, it is difficult to understand the root cause unless tested. Although their recovery rate is fast, we want to ensure that the children are safe on campus. There is no resistance from the parents so we are putting in the request," said Kiran Prasad, principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School.

However, some city schools say they are still struggling to get children vaccinated due to shot-shy parents.

"We recently conducted an on-campus vaccination drive for 12–18-year-olds in association with BBMP. But some students did not turn. There are still some parents who do not want to get their children vaccinated. We have asked our in-house doctors to call these parents and convince them," said Anita Bijesh, principal, Delhi Public School, Bangalore South.

> **"We are getting around three to four students every day that are being diagnosed with a slight temperature, cough and cold**
> –Principal of city-based school

Queering Bengaluru

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will help in solving this problem. Not being accepted for who I was and my preferences, affected me mentally," Shrayani said.

Mental health experts BM spoke to said that there is a lack of understanding on gender, sexuality and sexual orientations among psychologists, counsellors, psychiatrists, general physicians, and academicians in the mental health sector.

Professionals who have more than 15 to 20 years of experience in this field find it difficult to accommodate and adapt to being inclusive.

Mx Ashika Ashokan, queer-affirmative counselling psychologist said the lack of sensitisation is even more prominent when it coincides with relationship orientations, sexual health and sexual behaviours like BDSM because of the stigma associated with it.

"This can cause more harm to people from the LGBTQIA+ community than good," Mx noted.

From within community

Mx added that people in the community often face backlash from within the community, which makes it difficult to find safe spaces to talk about their challenges.

More often than not these very individuals become each other's support systems which can be a very exhausting position to be in.

"Training mental health professionals to be queer affirmative and normalising conversations around it by making it part of the curriculum in colleges and schools which provides age-appropriate sexual health education becomes imperative," said Mx.

Deep-rooted issues

Amitha Gowda, trainee psychologist, said, "The problems faced by the LGBTQIA+ community are more deep rooted than it appears to be. The feeling of not being accepted in society for who they are, has affected the mental well-being. Not accepted for their personal choices and their identity also happens to be one of the reasons. Adapting to this would take time, which must be understood by the society and the community equally."

Picture that's not so perfect for Palike

BBMP to now go after those whose images are printed on hoardings to crack down on illegal banners

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The issue of illegal hoardings and flex boards in Bengaluru is a sore spot for the BBMP as time and again, they have sprung up on city roads. Palike has now opted for a new way to get rid of such hoardings by penalising the person whose picture is printed on the banners.

A senior BBMP official said, "It is very difficult to find who is behind the banners or posters. It is mostly done at night and catching them red-handed is quite difficult."

Adding to this, BBMP's Special Commissioner (Revenue) Deepak said, "Earlier, we would impose a penalty and there is a provision of imprisonment for those violating the rule. However, the whole process of catching the people behind this is a time-consuming one. So, we are planning to collect a penalty from the person whose picture has been printed on it."

Earlier, the civic body has conducted drives against illegal flexes (file)

According to him, hoardings and banners are not permitted in public places. However, there is no stopping them if the banners are put up by the government.

However, many question whether the BBMP has teeth to take action against prominent personalities. During a recent programme attended by dignitaries including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, a minister openly admitted, "Many of my personnel were putting up banners; but, we will reduce the number of banners in the city."

Recently, BBMP administrator Rakesh Singh had asked his officials to remove the dangling cables and flex banners. Singh said, "Flex banners and hoardings put up in the city should be removed. Illegal OFC cables should be removed."

BBMP has also sought police support in this issue. Despite a ban on flex banners, the last few months has seen too many flex banners all over Bengaluru.

"Illegal flex banners and bunting should be removed with the help of police and BBMP Marshalls. BBMP's tractor vehicles, Prahari vehicles and other vehicles, along with additional personnel should be deployed for the drive, several residents said to the BBMP.

> **We plan to collect a penalty from the person whose picture has been printed on it**
>
> –Deepak, BBMP's Special Commissioner (Revenue)

Recently, a senior BBMP official had told personnel that FIR should be lodged against the persons displaying such illegal flex banners and bunting.

Displaying flex, banners, flags, posters and bunting in the city is a punishable offense under the BBMP Act 2020 and Section 3 of Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act 1981, although, many continue to openly defy them.

Homemaker dies on spot after being electrocuted

Victim was hanging clothes out to dry when she accidentally touched metal wire dangling from pole

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A homemaker died on the spot in her village in Gangonnahalli, Magadi taluk after she accidentally came in contact with a live wire dangling from an electric pole close to her house on June 13.

The victim, identified as 46-year-old Gangamma, mother of Adarsh Rangayana, a cine actor with small roles in Kannada films, had washed clothes, and hung them for drying. She was going back inside her house when she accidentally laid her hands on a metal wire dangling from an electric pole situated close to her house.

Around 9.30 am that day, a neighbour living opposite them observed Gangamma standing in a strange position, clinging to the electric pole. They came with wooden logs and tried to rescue her by releasing her grip on the wire,

but by then she had stopped breathing, Adarsh told Bangalore Mirror.

According to Adarsh, his mother had complained several times to the Karnataka Electricity Board (KEB) about the dangling wires from the electric poles but they did not take it seriously and repair them.

"As it had rained on Sunday night and in the morning, my mother washed the clothes, she did not realise anything while she was going back into the house. There is a galvanised iron (GI) wire put up from a wall to a wooden pole at their house's yard. My mother had put all the clothes for drying on it and accidentally came in contact with the wire," said Adarsh.

Soon after the neighbours tried to separate her from the electric pole, she was unconscious and was rushed to a nearby hospital where she was declared brought dead. Her body was then taken to the Magadi Taluk Government Hospital for post-mortem, soon after which it was handed over to the family.

Adarsh and Raghu have filed a complaint with the Kudur police who have taken up a case of unnatural death registered (UDR) and are also in talks with KEB officials to check the electric pole if it's safe for people or animals being around it.

A senior police officer from Kudur police station stated that based on the victim's sons' complaint, it seemed as if their mother was ignorant while she was holding on to the live wire, and hence, they had to file a case of unnatural death.

Cops are investigating further.

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JUMBO STRUT

A herd of elephants cross a path in Kabini Forest Reserve. There is much to learn about road discipline from them.

The picture was clicked by reader **Suresh Kumar**

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Road to perdition

Road in Gayatri Nagar was dug to lay underground pipes but never repaired; residents fume at authority's irresponsibility

The stretch is unpaved, making it unsafe for walking and driving

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In Gayatri Nagar, stepping outside has become a constant ordeal for residents, thanks to the road that was dug up for laying underground pipes but never repaired.

Residents say that simply commuting or walking in the neighbourhood is a stressful activity and vehicles constantly break down due to the jagged surface. Authorities are simply not bothered, they complain.

The residents say that the road conditions are so poor that it becomes difficult to commute by vehicles. A staff person working at Varalakshmi Nursing Home and Veena Medical Centre, said, "For the last two months, the road has been like this. The contractors said that they were digging it for laying pipes; but after that, they did not bother to refill the holes. It is causing a lot of problems for us."

He added that because of the gaping spaces, ambulances cannot enter their nursing home. Staff of the institute were also unable to park or take out their vehicles. Ashok M, another resident of the neighbourhood added that the road has become so poor that commuting has become a difficult task.

"My bike broke down twice. There is no effort taken by authorities concerned." The residents say that while they have no issues with development work; however, they want a proper timeline for such activities and they also want the work to be finished within the timeline.

Nitesh Chandra Shekhar, another resident, said, "We all will support development work, but it needs to be completed on time also. We have been waiting for this road to be done soon but nothing has happened.

There is so much traffic because of the bad road. People get stuck here for hours."

The residents also say that they have tried to complain to the authorities, but they did not get any response from them.

> **"My bike broke down twice. There is just no effort by the authorities concerned**
> – Ashok M, a resident

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kempegowda Museum was established in the year 2011 and is dedicated to Yelahanka chieftain Kempegowda (1513–1569) who was the founder of Bangalore . The museum is located on the first floor of Mayo Hall. The museum has Kempegowda's statue as well as posters and pictures of forts, temples, reservoirs and inscriptions from his time. The building has been painted in the Cantonment colours of red and white. An interesting experience of the museum is the floor. Visitors to the museum will actually be walking on a magnified heritage map of 19th century Bangalore. The map is spread across the wooden floor and laminated with a glass slab. The map has been procured from the Mythic Society and is drawn by the British.

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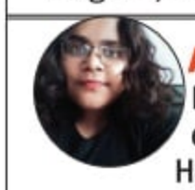
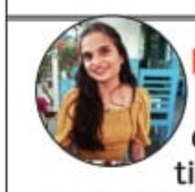
where Bengalureans speak their mind

As a Bengalurean, what is the one (or two) festivals that you look forward to the most and why?

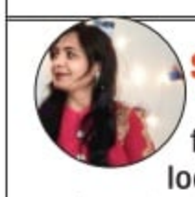
Huzayl Ahmed, BM Reader
Eid is always a festival I look forward to every year. The whole family getting together and the exchange of gifts, there's just nothing like it.



Angelin Akkara, BM Reader
I always look forward to Holi because in Bangalore, everyone plays Holi. It's not based on religion or a particular state. The festival of colors is an incredible event every year in Bangalore.



Manasvi Kadabi, BM Reader
My favorite festival is Diwali because it's a very happy and positive time of the year. It is really important for us Jains too as the 24th Theerthankara Bhagwan Mahaveer Swami attained Moksha on this day.



Sonal H Shah, BM Reader
Paryushan is the most auspicious festival in our religion and I look forward to it as it is the time of confession and forgiveness for our wrongdoings of the previous year. We conclude the last day and the following days by saying "michhami dukkadam" to each other which loosely translates to 'forgive me if I have hurt you in any way'.

Krishna Desiraju, BM Reader
I look forward to Deepavali the most for all that it signifies... the victory of good over evil & light over darkness. Empty symbolism perhaps in a cynical world but the operative word is hope!

SPEAK TO US

What is a favourite tourist spot for you in Bengaluru and why?

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There's still a long way to go for Bengaluru-Mysuru flyover work

90 per cent work for phase 1 and 80 per cent for phase 2 is complete

Authorities say that the 10-lane Bengaluru-Mysuru highway will be open to traffic from Dasara. However, key flyover work that connects the city to Mysuru may take another two months to merely kick off.

Vehicles commuting from Bengaluru to Mysuru usually get stuck at Siddalingapura (Mysuru). This was leading to more congestion in the Manipal Hospital signal. Weekends and continuous holidays make the situation worse. The flyover was planned to avoid this chaos, but there are administrative and technical hitches that delayed action, NHAI officials said. The proposed flyover is 700 metres long.

National Highway Project Officer Sridhar said, "The flyover near Manipal hospital was not initially a part of the ten-lane development. Now we have got special permission for flyovers. The land acquisition process is completed and once the Centre gives consent, we will start the work".

The flyover is going to be 700 metres long

MLA GT Devegowda said, "Once the work is complete, the traffic situation will ease. The industries and tourism also get a boost. New job opportunities will open up. Even though the work is in progress, I doubt it will be completed before Dasara.

Actor Anirudh said, "Mysuru is the best place for film shootings. Once the work is complete, artists can easily travel to Mysuru. Not only cinema, but other industries and tourism will also get a boost. The development of film city in Mysuru also helps in the development of the cultural city of Mysuru."

The first phase of the work that involves creating six lanes from NICE road junction (near Kengeri) to Nidaghatta has seen 90 per cent completion, and the NHAI was confident of opening this road up by May this year. The second phase from Nidaghatta to Mysuru Ring road is 85 per cent complete and is likely to be finished by September this year. The cost of the first phase is Rs 3,501 crore, and the second phase, Rs 2,920 crore. This project will have five bypasses to avoid traffic congestion at towns along the highway.

> **"The flyover near Manipal hospital was not initially a part of the ten-lane development**
>
> –Sridhar, National Highway Project Officer

The Bidadi bypass will be 6.9 km long, Ramanagara-Channapatna 22.35 km, Maddur 4.5 km, Mandya 10 km, and Srirangapatna 8 km. Besides this, there will be an 8 km long corridor along with nine major bridges, 44 minor bridges, and four railway overpasses. The NHAI authorities claim that once the road is complete, it will be a 75-minute drive from the start to the end of the highway. Currently it takes more than 3 hours.

A new lay-bye with amenities will be created at Ramanagar bypass road. Toll booths will come up at Kumbalgodu and Srirangapatna.

–Prakash VL

Agnipath: 'Set 18 yrs as age limit'

The Agnipath Scheme mooted by the Defence Ministry to recruit soldiers from the age of 17.5 to 21 years has not gone down well with the Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL). The group has urged the government to set the age limit as 18 and not 17.5 as it would amount to recruiting child soldiers going against a treaty signed with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The National Convener and National Advocacy Unit Convener of CACL, on Friday, urged the Government to re-evaluate it. "The international law defines a child as any person up to the age of 18 years. Being a signatory to the treaty, India should restrain from recruiting children for armed forces," the collective stated.

"Under the new scheme, those aged between 17.5 years to 21 years will be recruited directly from educational institutions. This will encourage drop-outs from the 'plus two' level or PUC. The fact that those below the age of 18 will have to produce a consent letter from the parents indicates that the government also accepts they are children. We urge the government to stop children from missing the opportunity to complete their plus two or PUC," they said.

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UHNIs are riding a home-buying wave

New money from self-made ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNIs) is finding its way into the country's residential real estate and has made a very strong comeback since the onset of the pandemic.

These individuals are investing in second homes as the residential segment witnessed a sharp recovery post the pandemic in the country. Currently, on average, an Indian UHNWI owns over two homes, and approx. 32 per cent of the Indian UHNWIs are settled in India.

The Indian real estate sector bore the weight of the pandemic, with the luxury home segment hit the hardest. However, this segment was the fastest to bounce back, too, with demand outpacing the supply. The impact of the omicron wave was quite limited, the market rode on the twin momentum of the ongoing low-interest rate regime and attractive pricing offered by developers.

In Q1 2022, one of the trends observed is the rise in sales for bigger ticket sizes, with apartments priced over Rs 1 crore or higher recording an on-year 83 per cent growth in sales. Bengaluru especially clocked the highest-ever quarterly sales. The sales performance of property markets of Bengaluru and Mumbai have helped the residential apartment market in India record sales of close to 52,000 units in the January-March 2022 quarter, up 148 per cent over pre-Covid-19 average levels, stated a JLL India report.

Investment in the real estate sector in India has grown in recent times as it was viewed as a safe and tangible investment option. In the last two years, stocks have performed well and also there has been a rise in salaries in the IT sector – both these factors have led to a good flow of investment in real estate.

The expectations of the next boom in real estate are also driving investors back into the sector as they expect healthy appreciation in strategic micro-markets like North Bengaluru. There is now a growing demand for larger homes that provide a healthy lifestyle and bring people closer to nature.

— Bhavesh Kothari, founder & CEO of Property First. Views of the author in this article are personal.

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Why Railway Gollahalli is hot & happening

Upcoming developmental projects make area one of the hottest picks for property-buyers

The areas in and around Railway Gollahalli are set for a property boom, thanks to a host of developmental projects.

The Nelamangala-Rajanakunte Road via Railway Gollahalli is one of the important infrastructure projects as this road has been marked as one of the alternative roads to Kempegowda International Airport. Hence, many entrepreneurs are setting up their companies here while many are buying properties here so that they can get easy access to the airport and other areas of the city.

Many roads connecting Nelamangala are now turning prime properties for realty development. Currently, the Karnataka Road Development Corporation (KRDCL) is constructing an alternative road to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) from Nelamangala.

The-39 km stretch starts from Nelamangala, Kodipalya, Rajanukunte and KIAL and is budgeted at a cost of Rs 310 crore. Once completed, it will be a major boon to the people travelling from Hassan, Tumakuru, and other districts of the state.

Another important factor aiding the growth of this road is a four-lane flyover at Rajanakunte. This road helps the travellers to easily head to the airport.

Secondly, the sub-urban trains are set to help people commute better. The sub-urban train corridors are planned from Kengeri to Whitefield, KSR Bengaluru railway station to Devanahalli (via Yeshwanthpur), Chikkabanavara to Baiyyappanahalli and Heelalige to Rajanukunte.

There will be a total of 57 stations, while the trains will have air-conditioned coaches. There will be many junctions where the sub-urban trains will have common/adjacent stations with railways and Metro. In fact, there will be 23 stations that will have connections with sub-urban trains and railways, five stations which will connect one sub-urban corridor to another and 11 Metro stations will have connections with sub-urban trains.

> **"The proposed elevated corridor will be at height of about 15 metre due to the existence of a large number of foot-over/ under-bridges**

"The proposed elevated corridor will be at height of about 15 metre due to the existence of a large number of foot-over/under-bridges. There is a railway station at Nelamangala connecting trains from Hassan to Bengaluru. As areas like Railway Gollahalli are nearer to Chikkabanavara, they can easily hop on to sub-urban trains in the future and head to different parts of the city without getting stuck in city traffic.

With PM Modi set to formally lay the foundation stone, the dedicated Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project is budgeted at a completion cost of Rs 15,767 Crores. It is to be implemented via joint venture company K-RIDE. Under the project, a total rail route of 148.17 km will be constructed in four corridors; 41.4 km of Bengaluru-Devanahalli, 25.01 km of Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara, 35.52 km of Kengeri-Bengaluru Cantonment and 46.24 km of Helalige-Rajanukunte area.

Properties around Nelamangala and Hesaraghatta Road are not just known for affordable properties but also offer excellent basic amenities including good road connectivity, water and electricity connection. Hesaraghatta Road is well connected with Nelamangala, Yelahanka, Bengaluru as well as Doddaballapur. Hence, many prefer to buy properties here as it will people to reach any of the destinations.

– Prakash VL

Four ways to save your capital gains tax

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Generally, when you sell something, the idea is that the profit you make from it is yours to keep. However, that is not true when it comes to assets such as property, land, gold, equity, and mutual funds. You are liable for tax the minute you sign on the dotted line and buy a house.

As per the Income Tax Act of 1961, there are two types of capital gains, short-term and long-term capital gains. "Short-term capital gain would arise if a property is transferred by an individual or Hindu Undivided Family (HUF), within twenty-four months of its acquisition. If it is held for more than that, then the gains would qualify as long-term capital gains," explains Jugal Mantri, group CFO, Anand Rathi Group.

"Long-term capital gains from transfer of house property are subjected to tax at 20 per cent u/s 112 of the IT Act. Such long-term gains enjoy the benefit of indexation (adjusting the purchase price to inflation), which is not available in the case of short-term capital gains. On the other hand, short-term capital gains arising from the sale of house property would be subjected to marginal tax slab rates applicable to the investor," informs Suresh Surana, founder, RSM India.

If you are looking to save on your capital tax, here are a few ways:

1 The simplest way of saving your capital gain is to buy another property. "This reutilisation will enable you to claim an exemption under various sections of the IT Act. There is no cap on the extent of the tax exemption. If the entire capital gain has been utilised, then the entire sum can be exempted from tax," informs Adhil Shetty, CEO, Bankbazaar. However, keep in mind that the tax is exempted only if you buy the new property within two years from the sale of your old property or one year before.

2 If you are not planning to buy or construct a home immediately but will be able to do so soon, then you can deposit the sum in a public sector bank under the Capital Gains Account Scheme (CGAS). "The other option is to invest in notified bonds within six months of trading the property and receiving the gains. On investing in bonds, you can claim a tax exemption under section 54EC of the IT Act, 1961," informs Shetty.

3 If you invest in other assets and have faced losses, you can set off your capital gains against them. Long-term capital losses can be set off only against long-term capital gains. But short-term capital losses can be set off against both, short-term or long-term capital gains.

4 Long-term capital gains enjoy the indexation benefit, which is based on the Cost Inflation Index (CII) notified by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on yearly basis for every financial year.

"Thus, if you are planning to sell your property towards the end of the financial year, then you may postpone such sale to the beginning of the financial year, i.e. April, for which an enhanced CII would be applicable, further providing the seller with an enhanced benefit on indexation," suggests Surana. Such strategically planned sales enable optimising the tax benefit by way of proper tax management.

If investing in another property to save capital gains tax, ensure the following terms are met:

Use the capital gains to purchase one residential house in India one year before or within two years after the date of transfer (or for constructing one residential house in India within three years);

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ಹಲವರು **You Tube** ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮಗೆ ಕೇಳಿದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಇದು. **(Dr Bharath Chandra Institute Kannada)** ಉತ್ತರ ಸರಳ. ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ site ಗಳ ಬೆಲೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಬೀಳುತ್ತಾ ಬೀಳುತ್ತಾ, ಈಗ ಇರುವ ಚ.ಅಡಿ **18,000** ದಿಂದ ಸೊನ್ನೆಗೆ ತಲುಪಿದರೆ!? ಇದು ಅಸಾಧ್ಯ ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ, ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಒಂದು ಹಂತದವರೆಗೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಇಳಿಯಬಹುದು. ಆದರೆ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ತಿಳಿದಿರುವ ಸತ್ಯ, ಧೀರ್ಘ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಿದ್ದರೂ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗುವುದೇ ಖಚಿತ.

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Biopic on Cafe Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha is in the making

Production companies T-Series and Almighty Motion Picture on Friday announced that they have acquired the adaptation rights of the upcoming book "Coffee King: The Swift Rise and Sudden Death of Cafe Coffee Day Founder V.G Siddhartha".

The book has been written by investigative journalists Rukmini BR and Prosenjit Datta. It will be published by Pan Macmillan (India).

T-Series and Prabhleen Kaur Sandhu of Almighty Motion Picture in association with Karma Media Entertainment has acquired the adaptation rights from Anish Chandy of Labyrinth Literary Agency.

Siddhartha, whose chain of cafes helped make coffee a lifestyle beverage and brought in latte, cappuccino, Americano and espresso into the urban Indian lexicon, was found dead in 2019 aged 59. His body was found in the Netravati river in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka.

Bhushan Kumar, chairman and managing director, T-Series said the team is elated to bring his story to the screen.

"Everyone is acquainted about Cafe Coffee Day as a brand, we are quite ecstatic to bring this intriguing biopic of the man who co-founded the country's largest retail-chain," Kumar said in a statement.

Sandhu said Cafe Coffee Day is one of India's most beloved brands and their aim is to bring all the aspects its architect Siddhartha's life on screen.

"This is a deeply researched book which gives us a lot of scope to bring out unknown facets of this great entrepreneur's life," Sandhu added.

Rukmini BR said Siddhartha's story is full of "thrilling twists and turns", while co-writer Datta dubbed him as the most "humble businessman as well as an exceedingly ambitious one".

"We are capturing this contradiction in both the book and on screen," Datta added.

Producer Shaailesh R Singh of Karma Media and Entertainment said the biopic would be one of the most exciting projects of his career.

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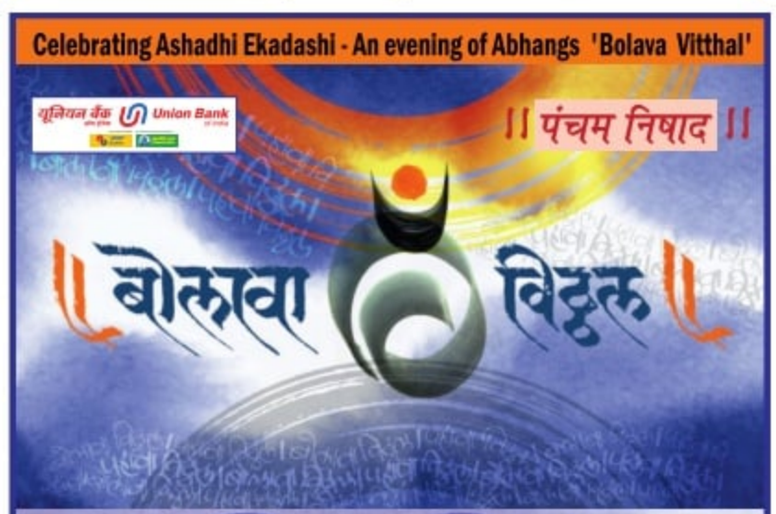
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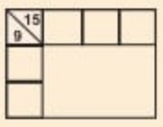
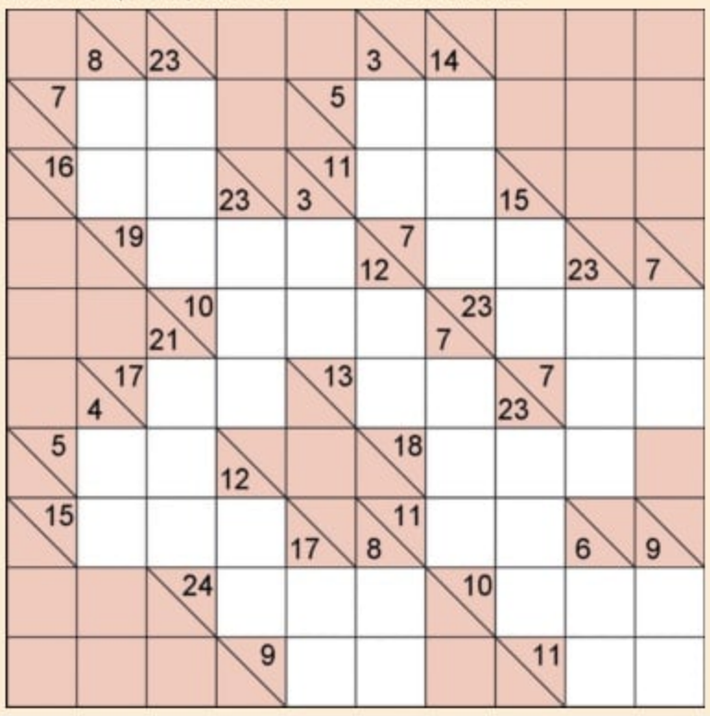
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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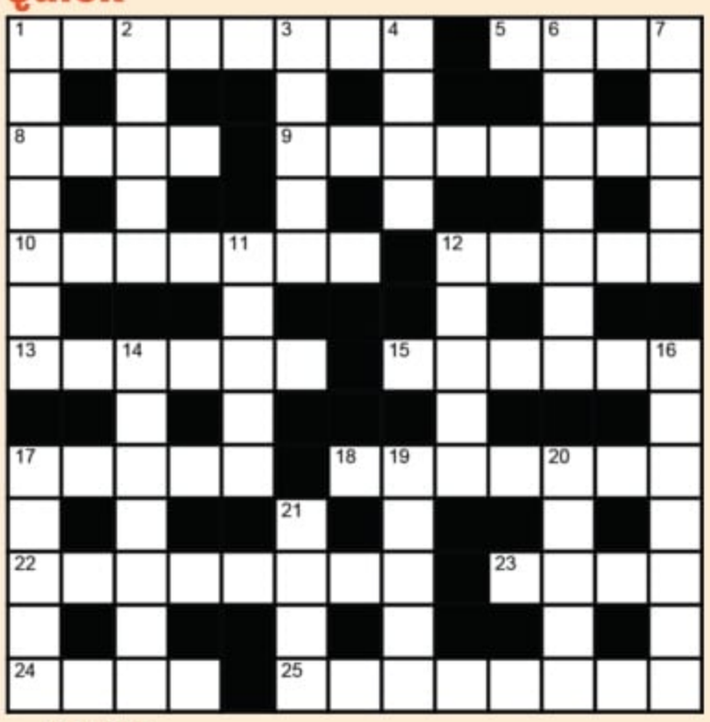

ACROSS

1 Disease producing fits (8)
5 Slangy nonsense, empty talk (4)
8 Secular; a layman (4)
9 Bribe or protection money? (8)
10 Manned (7)
12 Earlier in time (5)
13 Sleeps sonudly, should we say? (6)
15 Clusters, especially of trees or other plants (6)
17 Ogles lustfully (5)
18 Srinagar locale (7)
22 Government building that offers a view of Ulsoor Lake on one side and the Bangalore Race Course on the other (4,4)
23 An increase in price (4)
24 Fuss, bustle (2-2)
25 Shuns, blackballs or resists (8)

DOWN

1 Joins the armed forces? (7)
2 Mediterranean isle (5)
3 A black tea–"a poke" anagram? (5)
4 Expression of disgust (4)
6 Radioactive element (7)
7 Mendicant monk ? (5)
11 Combustible materials (5)
12 Heaps or stacks (5)
14 Like a cyclops? (3-4)
16 Urban roads (7)
17 Boundary or restriction (5)
19 Metal mixture (5)
20 Damp (5)
21 Hurtful remark (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS H

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You smell like jamoon

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An idle mind is the devil's workshop. The devi l 's name is Alzheimer's

Joke of the day

Law Of Ichiban: When your hands are covered with oil, grease or glue, your nose will start to itch

Loop

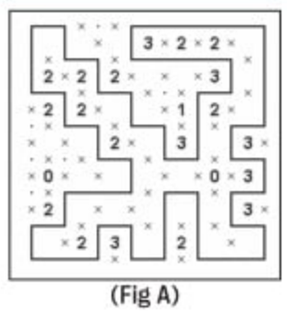
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

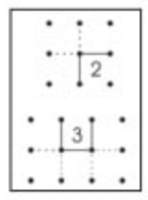
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

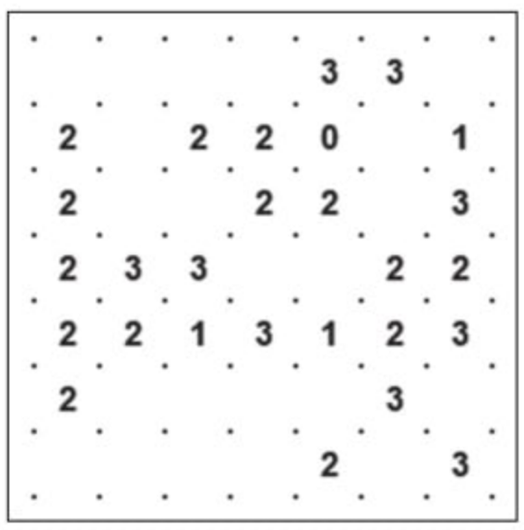
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



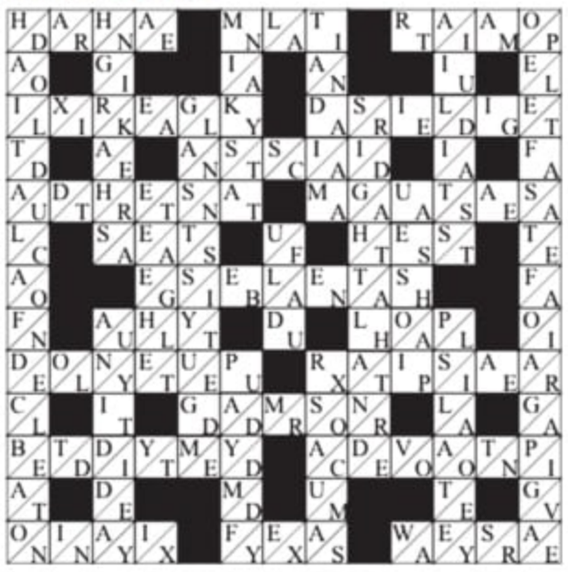
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



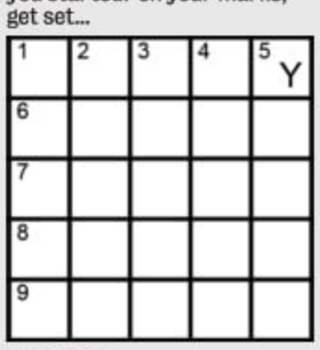
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 So pry; 6 CE Rec; 7 Cutis; 8 TE sly; 9 Small

DOWN

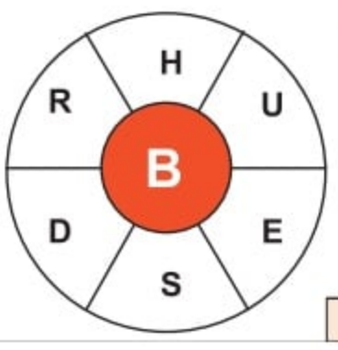
1 Prims; 2 Caret; 3 Cytol; 4 Culls; 5 Essey

Mensapuzzle

What goes into the empty square?

0	7	2	4	12	6	3
	7	9	6		18	9

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

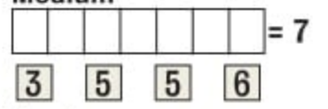
6			9		4			1
		2	6		3	7		
		4		1		3		
	9						4	
4			8		1			6
	3						2	
		7		2		8		
		8	3		5	4		
5			4		7			2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

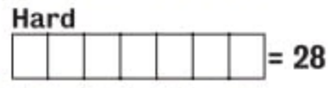
Easy



= 21

2 3 4 5

Medium



= 7

3 5 5 6

Hard

= 28

1 5 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

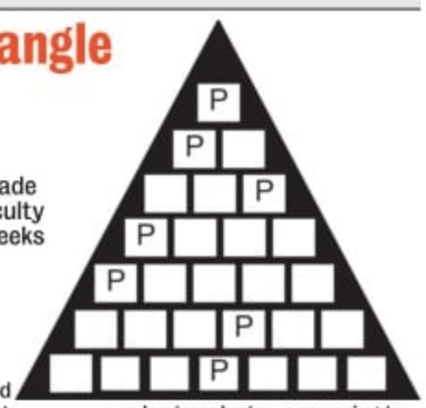
Differences: 1. Collar is different. 2. Earflap is smaller. 3. Pocket is moved. 4. Thermos is different. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Finger is moved.

Riddler

If 11 plus two equals one, what does nine plus five equal?

Alpha triangle

1 Sixteenth letter
2 A constant
3 Cup edge
4 Carpet feature
5 Practised as a trade
6 Walked with difficulty
7 Hollows in the cheeks



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

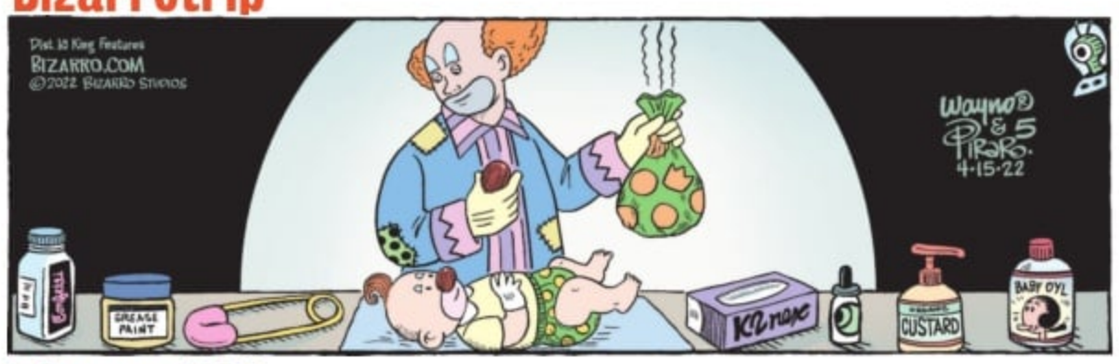
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

HOW CAN YOU TELL WHICH WAY THE WIND IS BLOWING?
EASY, POKEY... YOU WET YOUR FINGER AND HOLD IT IN THE AIR
...BUT IT'S BEST NOT TO EAT ANYTHING SWEET FIRST!
Yates/Casson
4-5

Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

WELL, THE SNOWSTORM IS CANCELED. THE OTHER SNOWFLAKES ALL LEFT FOR SPRING BREAK
THEY'RE ALL CURRENTLY IN A HOT TUB IN CANCUN
I GUESS THEY WON'T BE BACK
CAN YOU BLAME THEM? IT'S CANCUN!
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Bramkamp

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT PLANNING TO WATER YOUR GARDEN, CRANKSHAFT.
THERE'S A WATERING BAN, YOU KNOW!
I WON'T BE WATERING...
I'LL BE IRRIGATING!
BATIUK & DAVIS crankshaftcomic.com/books
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Blessings from elders will bring you confidence. Follow your intuition before making any decisions. This will help you with your work. Your intuition will help you gain more in terms of finances. You may plan to visit a spiritual place with family members. Control your arrogance to maintain peace in domestic life. Students can expect good results.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
While you may feel happy and enjoy work before noon, the evening could bring some negative feelings which can leave you feeling dull. This will impact your professional life and may also lead to domestic arguments. Avoid lending money to any one as it may not be not recovered with ease. You might analyse yourself and figure out your negative traits today. Occult sciences will draw you.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
The moon is on your side and you will be in a very good mood since morning. You will feel more romantic and that will bring harmony to your domestic life. Patience will help you to do your best professionally. Expect coordination between your colleagues and business partners.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You will be successful in controlling mindless expenditure today and this will boost your bank balance. Keep an eye on the health of your children. Singles can find unexpected progress in terms of marriage. People related to travel, diplomats, and supply chains will do well. Look out for stomach issues.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today your plans may not work on the professional front. Avoid arrogance due to the same. Also avoid taking important decisions in terms of investments and relationships. Couples and Lovebirds should try to avoid arguments to maintain harmony in the relationship. Students should not choose shortcuts in their studies.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
The moon will make you more sensitive and emotional today. Avoid investing in real estate or other assets. Take care of your parent's health. Expect some delay in your work and remember to face it with patience. Do not be indecisive about work matters.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you will feel glad as you maintain a balance between your earnings and expenditure, which will boost your finances. Your network will help you to implement your plans. Your siblings and juniors at work will be more helpful today. You may plan to visit your elders or a spiritual place.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Your energy levels are likely to be high today. That will make you happy and optimistic, wanting to fulfil your desires with the help of hard work. You may plan to go for outings with friends and family to share your happiness. Students may hear good news.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Until late afternoon your day may not be going too well. You may feel unhappy and become nervous, but post noon, you will be happier. Internal vitality will boost your self-confidence. Avoid carelessness in making decisions in terms of finance, profession, and studies. If you face self -respect issues with the spouse, keep patience. This will avoid bad moments. Lovebirds can plan a short trip.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today your tendency to overspend will affect your savings. You should be careful while expressing yourself at work and on the domestic front. Avoid lending money. Postpone making important decisions in real estate and other asset-related issues.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may re-establish your network at a social event today. This will benefit you in the near future. Those in fields related to glamour, art, or fashion may plan to do something new. Students will perform better in their studies today. Lovebirds can expect happy moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today will be a busy day for you in terms of work. Overload may make you tired but you will enjoy being busy. Avoid spending money on unimportant items. Remember to be polite with your family, friends, and loved ones. You may also get some good news from family members.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$6^2(6^3)^n = (6^4)^n$
$6^2*6^3n = 6^4n$
$6^2 = 6^4n+6^3n$
$6^2 = 6^n$
n=2

BULL'S EYE
bred, brush, BRUSHED, bush, bushed, drub, herb, rebus, shrub

STRIKE OUT

H	A	H	A	■	M	L	I	■	R	A	M	P	■	■
O	■	I	■	A	■	N	■	U	■	L	■	■	■	■
L	I	K	E	L	Y	■	D	R	E	D	G	E	■	■
D	■	E	■	A	S	C	I	■	I	■	A	■	■	■
A	T	R	E	S	T	■	A	G	A	T	E	S	■	■
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FAST FIVE

P	R	O	S	Y
R	E	C	C	E
I	C	T	U	S
S	T	Y	L	E
M	A	L	L	S

RIDDLER
11 a.m. plus two hours = 1 p.m. 9 a.m. plus five hours = 2 p.m.

QUICK

T	O	D	O	■	B	O	Y	C	O	T	T	S	■	■
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MENSA PUZZLE
16. Each number in the bottom row is the sum of the number above it and the previous number.

QUOTE UNCODE
Man has to suffer. When he has no real afflictions, he invents some.

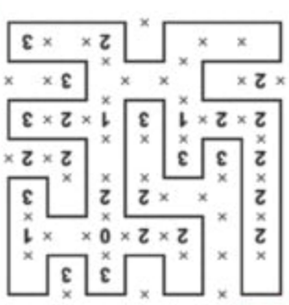
SUDOKU

5	1	9	4	8	7	6	3	2
2	6	8	3	9	5	4	1	7
3	4	7	1	2	6	8	5	9
7	3	6	5	4	9	1	2	8
4	2	5	8	3	1	9	7	6
8	9	1	7	6	2	5	4	3
9	7	4	2	1	8	3	6	5
1	8	2	6	5	3	7	9	4
6	5	3	9	7	4	2	8	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pi, Lip, Pile, Piled, Limped, Dimples.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 4 x 2 + 3 = 21
Medium
5 + 5 – 6 + 3 = 7
Hard
5 x 4 – 1 + 9 = 28

LOOP



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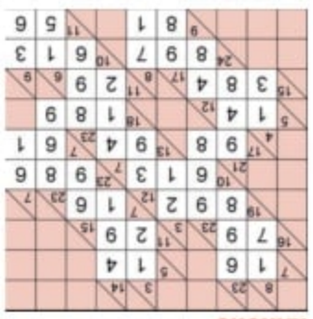

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Genelia is back with bilingual flick

Genelia D'Souza will make a grand re-entry in Tollywood with a bilingual movie. Kireeti, son of industrialist Gali Janardhan Reddy, will make his screen debut in this Kannada-Telugu bilingual feature

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The language of entertainment

Kriti Kharbanda says a good film should reach every nook and corner of the country

Kriti Kharbanda has done her fair share of work in the film industry, including multiple films in Hindi, Telugu and Kannada languages. However, the actress' perspective is clear. "I don't look at it as different, regional parts of an industry. For me, it is the Indian film industry, and I am proud to be associated with it," she says.

The perception of films, too, has changed with pan-India projects taking the spotlight. Ask her how she thinks this has changed the dynamics of the film industry and the actress replies, "I think people have finally realised that unity is strength. We may speak different languages, but we are all Indian. Every movie goer, irrespective of the language they speak or understand, wants to be entertained when they go to a cinema hall. When you put your heart and soul into making a good project, it's also important to make sure that it reaches every part of the country. Dub it into all languages and make sure everyone watches it and talks about it with pride. I am grateful that producers understand the importance of reaching a wider audience and are making sure they enjoy the product."

Making the most of every opportunity

Having been part of OTT projects, and being a viewer too, Kriti feels that the space has changed a lot for everyone involved in showbiz. Has it also opened more avenues, giving actors increasing opportunities to showcase their work? To this, she says, "I think every opportunity, irrespective of the platform, is a great thing, and one should treat it as such. Personally, I believe in doing my best on each project. I can't control the results or feedback, but I can surely give it my 100 per cent. Having said that, every actor looks for an opportunity to showcase what they are good at. The fact that people have become more accepting of watching films and shows on OTT platforms has changed things for us. Because of that, we are getting more opportunities. The industry will adapt to changes, but in the meantime, as an actor, all I wish for is that the viewers keep watching us on whatever platform they like to."

— ETimes

Ana de Armas stuns as Marilyn Monroe

Actress Ana de Armas took everyone by surprise as she looked every-inch as Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe in the latest 'Blonde' trailer.

Netflix has debuted the first evocative footage from Andrew Dominik's 'Blonde'.

The movie, based on the bestselling novel by Joyce Carol Oates, is notable for its NC-17 rating, reports 'Variety'.

The supporting cast includes Bobby Cannavale, Adrien Brody, Julianne Nicholson, Xavier Samuel and Evan Williams.

The official 'Blonde' synopsis from Netflix reads: "(The film) boldly reimagines the life of one of Hollywood's most enduring icons, Marilyn Monroe. From her volatile childhood as Norma Jeane, through her rise to stardom and romantic entanglements, 'Blonde' blurs the lines of fact and fiction to explore the widening split between her public and private selves."

"Andrew's ambitions were very clear from the start -- to present a version of Marilyn Monroe's life through her lens," de Armas recently told Netflix Queue. "He wanted the world to experience what it actually felt like to not only be Marilyn, but also Norma Jeane. I found that to be the most daring, unapologetic, and feminist take on her story that I had ever seen."

"We worked on this film for hours, every single day for almost a year," de Armas added. **—IANS**

KAUSHIK JN

Star about town

Tollywood actor Akkineni Naga Chaitanya spotted in Bengaluru. The actor was in the city to inaugurate a clothing store in Jayanagar

A message for haters

After performing at actor Sonam Kapoor's baby shower, British-Pakistsinger Leo Kalyan, who prefers the pronouns he/she/they, found themselves at the receiving end of trolling on social media. A section of social media users criticised Leo for wearing a strappy dress at the bash. One social media user called out the haters to which Leo responded with a social media story. "Hate comments don't bother me at all. because firstly - some of them are so genuinely funny, I share them with my friends and we laugh endlessly (laughing emoticon) also, hate comments always remind me that just by casually living my life - I'm actually CHALLENGING people and societal norms. which means: I'm doing something right," Leo wrote.

Leo also dropped a string of images from Sonam's baby shower. In the images, Leo is seen standing next to Sonam, who is expecting her first child with Anand Ahuja. "A spice girl in Bollywood. I just performed at Sonam Kapoor's baby shower..what is life?" Leo wrote. **—ANI**

A happy mum on her son's marriage

ETimes caught up with Neetu Kapoor who will be seen in the upcoming film 'Jugjugg Jeeyo' in a main role.

We took the opportunity to ask Neetu Kapoor how much life has changed for her after Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor got married. Neetu said, "I am the happiest, today. She has given him a lot of love and warmth. I see the change in him. They look good together. I am very happy that Alia has come into our family. So, life has changed and I am very content."When told that we had liked the private manner in which Alia and Ranbir tied the knot, Neetu said, "It set an example to many. You don't have to do a big wedding where you should be happy."

—Vickey Lalwani, ETimes